SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 309 By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Butch Agee and the 1996-1997 Gordonsville High School girls' basketball team, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament semi-finalists.

WHEREAS, to the thunderous applause of their countless, highly excited fans and with the enthusiastic plaudits of sports experts, the excellent 1996-1997 Gordonsville High School girls' basketball team has received considerable attention by reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament semi-final round; and WHEREAS, Gordonsville won the regular season District 6-A title by compiling an unblemished 8-0 mark; and

WHEREAS, the Tigerettes captured the coveted District 6A Tournament title with impressive victories against Friendship Christian 60-33 and Van Buren County 73-52; and WHEREAS, despite very strong competition, Gordonsville finished runner-up in the Region 3-A Tournament, beating Red Boiling Springs 76-50 and Clarkrange 74-68; and WHEREAS, in the crucial substate match, they beat powerful Battle Ground Academy 62-49; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the State Tournament, the Tigerettes pounced on University School of Jackson, defeating the Bruins 84-62; and

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WHEREAS, their highly regarded Head Coach, Butch Agee, and his capable Assistant Coach Stanley Wills have done an excellent job of carefully molding the talent of the team into championship caliber; and

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WHEREAS, each of the members of this exceptional squad made a significant contribution to the success of the team. The team members were seniors Shavona Winfree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winfree of Elmwood, who was selected "Miss Hustle"; Jill Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Walker of Watertown, who was named school "Defensive Player of the Year"; and Angel Scurlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scurlock of Brush Creek, Co-Captain; juniors LaShonda Winfree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winfree of Elmwood, an All-District 6-A, All-District 6-A Tournament, All-Region 3-A Tournament, Honorable Mention All-State Selection and "Most Improved Defensive Player" honoree; Jenny Smith, daughter of Ms. Martha Grooms of Gordonsville, Co-Captain, a District 6-A Most Valuable Player, District 6-A Tournament Most Valuable Player, All-Region 3-A Tournament, All-State Tournament, Honorable Mention All-State, and second team All-Midstate choice and school "Most Valuable Player"; Barbie Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Baker of Gordonsville; and Cara Clay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Hickman, school "Most Dedicated"; sophomores Jennifer Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Hughes of Lancaster, Jessie Gentry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gentry of Elmwood; Shara Winfree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winfree of Elmwood an All-District 6-A, All-District 6-A Tournament, All-State Tournament, and Honorable Mention All-State selection and school "Most Improved Offensive Player"; Brooke Armistead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Armistead of Elmwood, All-District 6-A, an All-District 6-A Tournament, All-Region 3-A Tournament, second team All-State, and third team All-Midstate choice and school "Most Consistent Player"; and Kira Duke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Duke of Elmwood, and freshmen Jessica Medley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Medley of Hickman; Lindsay Watson, daughter of Larry Watson of Gordonsville and Vanda Burchfield of Gordonsville; Candace Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith of Buffalo Valley; Tabitha Agee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Agee of Alexandria, Dana Rowland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rowland of Hickman; Lynn Roden daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roden of Elmwood; and Jennifer Johnson, daughter of Betty Johnson of Carthage; and

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WHEREAS, Principal Steve Armistead has been very supportive of the squad's efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this outstanding team on their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Butch Agee and the 1996-1997 Gordonsville High School girls' basketball team on reaching the TSSAA Class A State Tournament semi-finals and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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